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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

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WINTER GARDEN. Broadway.—FIVE OLD ENGLISH GENTLEMEN.

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NEW BOWERY THEATRE. Bowery.—LIFE'S REVENGE—BONAPARTE IN A FIVE—SIXERS OF BETHLEHEM.

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proving the defences of New York harbor. The committee agree on appropriating one million dollars for harbor and frontier defences, to be expended under the direction of the Governor, Comptroller and Senator Morgan. The conference committee appointed to adjust the difference between the two houses on the disposition to be made of the surplus canal revenues also made a report, recommending that \$200,000 of the amount be used to pay debts and awards against the canals due this year; \$25,000 for surveys to ascertain the feasibility and cost of constructing one tier of large locks, and the balance, some \$300,000, for repairs and improvements. The bill appropriating \$500,000 to arm and equip the State militia was considered for some time by the Senate, amended by making the appropriation only \$158,000, and ordered to a third reading. The Senate passed the bill establishing a board of officers for the first division of the National Guard, relative to statistics of crime in this city, and the Annual Supply bill and the bill empowering our Mayor and Comptroller to appoint thirty tax marshals. Resolutions were adopted for a survey of the canal locks, with a view to their enlargement; also, requesting the national government to appoint an engineer to act with the State Surveyor in the matter. The resolution directing the Bank Superintendent to inquire into the condition of the savings banks of the State was also adopted. The bill amending the Excise law was ordered to a third reading, after being amended so as to provide that no licenses for the sale of spirituous liquors shall be granted in election districts where a majority of the electors shall signify such to be their desire.

In the Assembly the bill to authorize banking under the national banking law was reported favorably to the House by the Banking Committee, and, after some discussion, was sent back to the Committee of the Whole. This is considered equivalent to the defeat of the measure for this session. The bill providing for the recording of internal revenue stamps was passed. The Mexican Railroad and Telegraph bill was defeated. The bill appropriating the surplus canal revenues was ordered to a third reading. The evening session was taken up over the majority and minority reports of the Callicott Investigating Committee. After the two documents had been read Mr. Callicott addressed the House at considerable length in his own defence. The discussion of the subject was then participated in by various members, the debate being continued until after two o'clock this morning. The question on the adoption of the majority report was then ordered; but the democratic members refused to participate further in the proceedings, the most of them leaving the chamber, and at half-past two, without a decision of the question, amid great confusion, the Assembly adjourned.

**MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.**  
Captain Doherty, of the British brig La Cayenne, on this port from Aux Cayes, reports that on the 11th instant, off Cape Tiburon, was spoken by a screw steamer, bark rigged, painted black, who asked who and what we were?—What cargo? She had the name "Liberty" on her stern, and flew the British ensign.

The anniversary of the great uprising day of 1861 was commemorated yesterday, in an appropriate manner, by a great Loyal League mass meeting at Madison square, over which Lieutenant General Scott presided. It was the greatest display witnessed in this city since the memorable 9th of April, two years ago. See our report.

The Harbor Defence Commission failed to meet yesterday, the Union League meeting and committee duty in making arrangements for the obsequies of Lieutenant Colonel Kimball preventing the attendance of a quorum of the members; but a meeting will be held at an early day, of which due notice will be given. Councilman Houghton yesterday received a note from a friend of Commodore E. A. Stevens, stating that the latter is confined to his bed by sickness, and requesting a postponement of his visit of inspection to his floating battery, which had been appointed to be made to-day.

The fifth session of the Methodist Episcopal Convention Conference was held yesterday morning. Bishop Scott presided. Rev. Dr. Osborne offered up the opening prayer. From the Conference of New Jersey an appeal was presented in favor of having their mutual superannuated relations restored. The request was received, but declined. The members then adjourned to visit the institutions, on the invitation of Mr. Simson Draper.

A regular meeting of the Board of Councilmen was held last evening. After transacting a large amount of routine business, a message was received from the Mayor, containing a strong remonstrance against the Broadway and other city railroad projects before the Albany Legislature. This message was sent into the Board of Aldermen on the 2d inst.; but owing to that Board not having been in session during the present month the message was yesterday transmitted to the Board of Councilmen, who, after hearing it read, ordered it to be printed in the minutes and referred to the Committee on Railroads. On motion of Mr. Brice, the Board adjourned until half-past one o'clock to-day, for the purpose of taking some action in reference to the funeral of the late Lieut. Col. Kimball, whose remains will, it is expected, be placed in the Governor's Room to-day.

In the Court of General Sessions yesterday, before Recorder Hoffman, James Scully and Michael Fagan were arraigned on an indictment for rape; but by consent of the District Attorney they were allowed to plead guilty to an assault with an intent to commit the more heinous offense. Remanded for sentence. James Conner pleaded guilty to an indictment for grand larceny, and was sentenced to the State prison for two years.

Count de Puysseur, Lieutenant on board the French transport La Seine, now lying off the Battery, was arrested yesterday by the Harbor Police, on charge of attempt to kidnap Peter Brown, of No. 25 Washington street, and force him on board the above vessel against his will. Justice Connelly held the accused to bail.

According to the City Inspector's report, there were 450 deaths in the city during the past week—a decrease of 21 as compared with the mortality of the week previous, and 55 more than occurred during the corresponding week last year. The recapitulation table gives 2 deaths of alcoholism, 2 of diseases of the bones, joints, &c.; 100 of the brain and nerves, 4 of the generative organs, 10 of the heart and blood vessels, 188 of the lungs, throat, &c.; 6 of old age, 29 of diseases of the skin and eruptive fevers, 3 premature births, 27 of diseases of the stomach, bowels and other digestive organs; 50 of uncertain sort and general fevers, 10 of diseases of the urinary organs, 12 from violent causes, and 1 unknown. There were 310 natives of the United States, 7 of England, 92 of Ireland, 3 of Scotland, 27 of Germany, and the balance of various foreign countries.

The stock market was dull yesterday morning, and very tame, and lower in the afternoon. Gold fell from 151 1/2 at the opening to 147 1/2, closing about 147 1/2 at 5 P. M. Exchange closed about 164 1/2. Money was extremely easy, and was offered everywhere at 5 per cent. The bank statement shows an increase of \$4,214,470 in deposits and \$1,305,661 in specie, and a decrease of \$1,212,461 in loans.

The cotton market was inactive and depressed yesterday. Flour, wheat and corn were a shade lower, with less activity in demand for corn, but without any important transactions in wheat. There was less inquiry for groceries and provisions, the market closing heavily. The price of whiskey was lower, yet the sales were limited. Rain was held higher, but was quiet. The freight market was somewhat briske, there were no noteworthy alterations in other commodities.

**THE LEGISLATURE.**  
The joint conference committee of the Senate and Assembly yesterday made a report on the recurring appropriations of the two bodies for im-

The War in the Southwest—The Impending Campaign.

We publish to-day an illustrative map of that important section of Middle Tennessee in which the army of General Rosecrans occupies the central position; and, in the same connection, we give some interesting details of the positions occupied by the rebels, their military forces on hand, and of their probable designs in this quarter of the vast theatre of this gigantic war.

It is manifest that the enemy have a very formidable army in front of General Rosecrans, with several detachments operating upon his flanks—horse, foot and artillery—in addition to numerous bands of irregular cavalry or guerrillas, cutting up his supply trains and transports in his rear. The grand design of all these movements, we think, is disclosed in the letter of the rebel Governor Harris, of Tennessee, in which he promises his secession fellow citizens that, with the return of the season of low water in the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers, when Rosecrans shall be no longer able to use those important channels of communication, his army will be attacked and driven out, and Tennessee will be fully reclaimed to the "Confederate States." While his river communications are still open and navigable, it is important, therefore, that General Rosecrans should advance upon the enemy and spoil their calculations by driving them out of the State. But we hear of no active steps towards an advance on his part. What is he waiting for? We suspect that he is awaiting the results of Gen. Grant's inexplicable strategy against Vicksburg. We do not pretend or desire to know anything of the plans of the War Office; but, from the manner in which they are working in the Southwest, we have some reason to fear that they will end there in still another budget of blunders.

It appears to us, however, that the rebel army of Tennessee might be routed and dispersed, and the rebel stronghold of Vicksburg reduced, by a very simple process. Let the army of General Grant be joined with that of General Rosecrans, and the two together will make very short work of the army of Bragg. Conceding that the army of Pemberton, from Vicksburg, with Grant's abandonment of that place, may come up to the support of Bragg, his forces will be still far inferior to ours. Nor can Pemberton afford to withdraw more than half his forces from Vicksburg, with half a dozen gunboats left to watch him. Unquestionably, therefore, by this junction of Grant with Rosecrans Bragg would be defeated and driven off, with his army so cut up and so demoralized and scattered in search of food that our victorious forces by an interior line, through the heart of the enemy's country, could move down into Vicksburg without further serious resistance. In the meantime the gunboats could do all that Grant can do on the Mississippi river; and there is no other position in all that country in which he could not fight the army of Pemberton more advantageously than behind his strong defences of Vicksburg.

The stupendous rebel fortifications of Columbus, on the Mississippi, were taken at Fort Donelson, on the Cumberland, by the simple process of turning them. So Vicksburg may be turned in Tennessee, by the junction of the armies of Grant and Rosecrans. It is these divisions and subdivisions of our forces at many places which so weaken our movable armies as to enable the enemy in almost every great field engagement to bring a superior force against us, with hardly any our aggregate number of soldiers in the field. Let the government leave to take care of themselves all unimportant towns and places captured from the enemy, and look simply to the subjugation of the armies of the rebellion, and the work will soon be done. Napoleon Bonaparte did not hesitate to leave towns and cities and strong fortresses untouched behind him, while aiming for the main army of his enemy, the destruction of which he very well knew would give him possession of the enemy's country and everything in it. By this simple system of warfare, and only by this system, can this rebellion be put down.

The rebels have boasting told us, and repeatedly, that we may take Charleston, Richmond, Vicksburg and Mobile, but that while they have three hundred thousand soldiers in the field they can still maintain the war. These rebel strongholds are only important in proportion to the rebel troops, the artillery, factories and warlike stores and lines of communication which they cover. Corinth, while the army of Beauregard was there, was a desirable place of capture; but after his evacuation with his troops, artillery, &c., it was of no account. But all these rebel strongholds may be turned by the simple programme of two great armies, one East and one West, striking at the main armies of the rebellion by interior lines, instead of operating around the edges of a great circle.

We rely upon the practical common sense of President Lincoln to try this plain and infallible system in the Southwest; for surely, after the anacronism system has had two years of trial, and has been found to be advantageous only to the enemy, we may hope that in this impending campaign it is to be abandoned.

**ATLANTIC CABLE.**—It is encouraging in these days of commercial depression to know that the merchants are taking a deep interest in telegraphic communication with Europe. Not only is this manifested in their anxiety to have a cable laid, but many have gone to work, subscribed liberally to the stock themselves, and laid the matter before their friends, who have also become interested. It is not strange that sagacious men, such as the merchants of New York, should realize the necessity of placing this city in direct communication with Europe.

Thirty years ago from thirty to fifty days were consumed in making a passage from Europe to America. At the same time we possessed equal advantages with the world, as a corresponding space of time was required to communicate between the ports of Europe of like distance. Thus upon an equal footing American enterprise competed for the commerce of the world with great success, dotting every sea with our fast sailing ships. Our commercial prosperity continued to advance until the period for transmitting telegraphic messages, by means of a submarine cable, between the ports of Europe, when American commerce received a shock. To place us upon an equal footing with Europe, as we stand under sailing and steam ships, we must have an ocean telegraph.

There is another important fact connected with this enterprise, and some are wise enough to see it. The man who now subscribes to the stock not only mounts the patriotic horse, but secures an investment which promises to be exceedingly profitable. When the cable is laid and working, one dollar laid out in stock now will be worth two, or even three, then. Already the subscriptions in this city amount to nearly sixty thousand pounds sterling. One hundred thousand is the amount allotted to the United States. After the subscription is filled those only holding stock will be allowed to take the new, as it may be issued from time to time for the purpose of adding other cables, as the wants of the public may require.

**The Loyal League Delusion.**  
One of the most sensible suggestions made at the Loyal League meeting yesterday was that contained in a letter from General Sickles. After pointing out the fact that of the regiments which the State of New York contributed to the army in the spring of 1861 for two years, thirty-eight will soon leave the service, he recommends that the Loyal League, which has extensive ramifications throughout the State, should use its exertions and influence to restore to the service the experienced soldiers composing these regiments.

Will the recommendation be acted upon? We fear not. It subjects to too positive a test the patriotic energies of those to whom it is addressed. They are takers, and not doers. They go to witness John Van Buren's ground and lofty tumbling, to amuse themselves with James T. Brady's poetic bathos and ecstasies about female divinity, and with Richard O'Gorman's brilliant but transcendental orations. But as to the contemplation of anything practical in furtherance of their ostensible object of aiding to put down the rebellion, we do not believe that one out of a hundred who attend these meetings has any idea of the sort. The very title of the organization betrays this vagueness of object. Loyal League! Why "loyal"? There are no disloyal people to be found within the proposed sphere of its labors. Every household, every community, is a loyal league. All want to see the war successfully prosecuted. If there are any who are dissatisfied with the government it is because they see the war languishing, the resources of the country frittered away, and incompetent commanders put in the places of those whom the nation reposes confidence. If they are traitors for this we fear that there are a good many so. The word traitor is getting to be sadly